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CALTRANS EAGLE CAMERA TO GO LIVE

REDDING -- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Turtle Bay Exploration Park have installed a video camera in the bald eagle nest tree near the Dana to Downtown project to observe the birds during the nesting season. The nest camera will supply live streaming video from the nest to the internet.

Video feed from this camera during daylight hours is now available at the following web site:

<http://turtlebay.org/caltranseaglecam.php>

The web feed can also be accessed over the internet via Caltrans web pages at www.caltrans2.info, the DFG web pages at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/1/>, and the Turtle Bay web pages at www.turtlebay.org.

A kiosk for free public viewing of video from the nest camera will be available in the lobby of the Turtle Bay Exploration Park during normal business hours as follows:

Turtle Bay Museum Hours

Winter Hours (November - February)

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (Closed Tuesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas)

Spring Hours (March – October)

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Eagle experts will regularly monitor the nest via the camera and will also follow the eagles' nesting behavior with field observations from the ground. Questions regarding bald eagle biology and life history should be directed to DFG at 530-225-2300. Questions regarding the Dana to Downtown Project should be directed to Caltrans at 530-225-3260.

For more information contact the Caltrans Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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The Dana to Downtown Project emerged from a 1997 study performed by Caltrans and sponsored by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency and has consistently been rated by the RTPA as the highest priority transportation project in the Redding area and Shasta County. However, due to dwindling transportation revenues, it has taken more than 10 years to accumulate enough funding to complete the project. A big boost was provided by the voters in November 2006 with passage of Proposition 1B which finally put the project within fiscal reach. Fifty-four percent of the project is funded from State transportation revenues approved by the RTPA while the remaining 46 percent comes from State transportation revenues approved by Caltrans. The RTPA governing board consists of the three members of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors and four City Council members representing Redding, Anderson and the City of Shasta Lake.

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